

PRESS ADVISORY

Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC)

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What: Klamath River Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (Klamath TREX) involving dozens of trainers and trainees from around the region, the nation and even the world to share best practices and knowledge about how to implement controlled burns.

When: October 1-13

Where: Orleans, Somes Bar, Happy Camp, Seiad, Salmon River, Shasta Valley, Weitchpec, CA

Who: MKWC, Karuk Tribe, Cultural Fire Management Council, Nature Conservancy Fire Learning Network, Salmon River Restoration Council, Northern California Prescribed Fire Council, California Fire Safe Council, US Forest Service, CALFIRE, Firestorm, Deer Creek Resources, Orleans Volunteer Fire Department.

Why: In the face of a growing fire crisis facing the state of California, the Western US, and around the world – a crisis compounded by climate change - a diverse team of trainers and trainees gather in the rural, remote Klamath mountains again this fall to teach and learn about prescribed burning. The goal is fivefold: (1) to restore healthy, beneficial fire processes to a landscape that evolved with regular burning but has been fire-starved for the past century, (2) to build the capacity of fire practitioners and fire fighters both locally and in other regions impacted by fire, (3) to promote cultural uses of fire lead by tribes accustomed to managing cultural resources with fire, (4) to develop fire resilience as the climate continues to warm, and (5) to build community cohesion and social license to use prescribed fire as part of a creative fire solution to our fire problems.

The Takeaway: These two weeks of hands-on “burning and learning together” is an incredible opportunity to capture human interest stories, shifting fire management trends, video, audio and written media. We can supply you with b-roll, photos, contacts for anyone you’d like to interview or arrange for site visits on the ground if you’re willing to make the trip to the Middle Klamath to cover this event. Please get in touch!

For more resources as they become available: <http://www.mkwc.org/news-events/2018-trex-press-materials/>

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